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1. On 21 July 1952, men from the Hsieh (6200) guerrilla unit attacked about 30 Chinese Communist troops who were guarding two wooden ships carrying rice on the East River, Kwangtung. The attack took place near the Tungkuan (113-46, 23-02) - Polo (114-17, 23-09) border. The Communists retreated to Hsianan (0007/0589) village where they were attacked by another group of Hsieh and Chang (1728) guerrillas; all of the Communists were either killed or captured, and the guerrillas set fire to the ships. A Communist army detachment came to Hsianan in pursuit of the guerrillas and fired artillery shots into the village, killing about 20 people and destroying many houses. Ten villagers were arrested, while about 80 others fled with the guerrillas into the Lofoushan (114-02, 23-16) area.
2. On 7 August about 100 militiamen, led by CHU P'ei (2612/1014), revolted against the Communists in T'iehch'ang (6993/1034) village, Polo Hsien and killed five Communist cadres. They then withdrew to Futienhsu (4395/3944/1074) in the Lofoushan area and attacked the government grain storage depot there; they killed the Communist guards, captured 16 Communist cadres, and confiscated 10 rifles and pistols.
3. After distributing the grain to the local population, the militia escaped into the Lofoushan area and joined the Hsieh and Chang guerrilla units located near Ts'unghua (113-31, 23-34) and Tsengch'eng (113-49, 23-16). The militia revolted because the Communist authorities had confiscated so much of the summer grain harvest that the people in Polo Hsien were starving.¹

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